

# Who's who at London Councils a guide to senior staff



# who is london councils?

London Councils is committed to fighting for more resources for London and getting the best possible deal for London's 33 councils.

Although much of our work consists of lobbying the government and others on behalf of our member boroughs, we also develop policy and do all we can to improve the services they deliver. We also run a range of services ourselves, all designed to make life better for Londoners.

We are a cross-party organisation, funded and run by our member authorities to work on behalf of them all, regardless of political persuasion.

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Policy and Public Affairs (PAPA) is the corporate division responsible for developing a coherent and integrated approach to the way London Councils develops its ideas, positions and arguments on behalf of London boroughs and for communicating those ideas in ways that will have the maximum impact on central and regional government, the public and other key audiences. In order to achieve this, the work of PAPA is delivered by directors for the following areas: **Communications, Communities, World City** and **Fair Funding**.



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The Communications division is responsible for building our profile in the press and media and with Londoners as a whole. It also takes a lead in developing strategies to influence parliamentarians and other key stakeholders through lobbying work on government bills, our own private legislation and other key lobbying campaigns. It is also responsible for all London Councils' publications and websites and leads on major campaigns and corporate events.



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Services is the corporate directorate responsible for all our services delivered directly by us and on behalf of the boroughs to Londoners and London organisations. This includes concessionary fares (The Freedom Pass), traffic enforcement, care placements and the London Boroughs Grants Scheme.



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